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BONDING WITH POLY-P-PHENYLENE BENZOBISOXAZOLE
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on April 4, 2002 and June 1, 2004, Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) so that the examiner can consider a copy of a French Search Report from the French Patent Office dated March 29, 2004 , with respect to patent family member French Patent Application No. FR 0200874, in which the French Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-012370, which was published on January 19, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; This document was cited as a document particularly relevant if combined with another document (Category Y) particularly pertinent to claims 1-11 of the European application.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-303044, which was published

on October 31, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same; This document was cited as a document particularly relevant if combined with another document (Category Y), particularly pertinent to claims 1-11 of the European application.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-176332, which was published on July 8, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same; This document was cited as a document particularly relevant if taken alone (Category X), particularly pertinent to claim 1 of the European application.

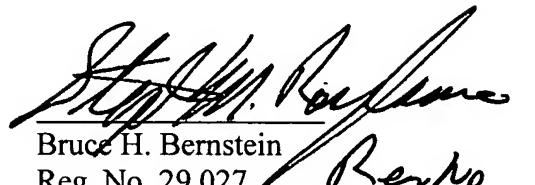
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-26029, which was published on January 27, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same; This document was cited as a document indicating the technological background (Category A).

U.S. Patent No. 5,891,561 to KINOSHITA et al., which issued on April 6, 1999. This document was cited as a document indicating the technological background (Category A).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are included in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 1, 2004 and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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